IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Rainey

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In regard to the Office Action of October 4, 2000 (Paper No. 7), applicant submits the following response including amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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